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### **“Turn Signals”**

Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 46.61.305, states in part, “No person shall turn a vehicle or move right or left upon a roadway unless and until such movement can be made with reasonable safety nor without giving an appropriate signal . . . (2) A signal of intention to turn or move right or left when required shall be given continuously during not less than the last one hundred feet traveled by the vehicle before turning. . . .”

All vehicles manufactured or assembled after January 1, 1960, are equipped with electric turn signal lamps. The lamps showing to the front shall emit, when signaling, a light of white or amber or any shade between the two. The lamps showing to the rear shall emit, when signaling, a light of red or amber or any shade between the two. Turn signal lamps shall be visible from a distance of not less than five hundred feet in normal sunlight. (RCW 46.37.200)

Unsafe lane changes or failure to use turn signals is a traffic infraction which could result in a minimum fine of \$86.

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